

**EVENING MEETING  
BOARD WORK SESSION  
JANUARY 15, 1997**

**MINUTES**

The Board met at 6:00 p.m. at The Edison Walthall Hotel, 225 East Capital Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on January 15, 1997. Members present included: Alton Bankston, Joanna Heidel, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Patricia Puckett, William Seal, and George Walker. Absent board members included Yvonne Brown, Hazel Terry, and Perrin Purvis. Others present were Becky Cade, Deborah Gilbert, Olon Ray, and Evelyn Webb.

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order. Mr. Walker then called on Dr. Ray to provide the report for the evening. The first two items discussed pertained to funds expenditure on two special projects as follows: 1) Authority to obligate up to \$1,000 to cover expenses related to the Technology Training Conference for Higher Education that the SBCJC and the Institutions for Higher Learning were co-hosting on January 28-29, 1997, at the Coliseum Ramada Inn, Biloxi, MS. 2) Authority to nominate and sponsor a Community College Fellow from the SBCJC to join other leaders on an educational seminar in Germany. SBCJC sponsorship would be limited to an amount of \$500. The seminar is the fourth trip sponsored by the Phil Hardin Foundation and the Meridian Community College Foundation. Action on these two items was postponed until the regular meeting on Thursday, January 16, 1997.

The next issue discussed was recent meetings attended by Dr. Ray and Presidents from the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Executive Council with Dr. Tom Layzell, Paul Stephenson, and other representatives from the Institutions of Higher Learning to discuss the Ayers Case. The IHL is responsible for resolving three issues that involve community colleges. The issues are: 1) Community and junior college admission requirements, 2) developmental education, and 3) the transfer trends and guidelines.

Dr. Ray provided a report on a Council for Education Technology initiative he has been working on with Council members (Refer to Attachment). The initiative is to create a long term funding mechanism to respond to the current and future technology needs of the educational partners. Dr. Ray and other Council representatives presented the ideas and needs to a small group of business men on December 19, 1997, to solicit advice and assistance on the development of a plan.

In other business, Dr. Ray mentioned the impending retirement of Terrell Tisdale, President of Jones Junior College, and the announcement that Ron Whitehead, Jones Junior College Vice-President, would succeed Dr. Tisdale. Dr. Ray also mentioned that a hearing is set for April 11, 1997, to discuss dismissal of the conflict of interest case against Dr. Muse.

Several Board members raised questions about invitations and their desired attendance at upcoming meetings. All members recently received invitations to the Technology Legislative Luncheon, the Technology Training Conference for Higher Education, and the Ed Tech'97. Questions were raised on the importance of members attending these outside events. Dr. Ray assured members that they were welcome at all events, but that attendance was not mandatory. Upon request, he stated that he would ensure invitations sent to them by staff would be better coordinated and he would help identify which events were deemed extremely important .

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.